As a result of action taken by RBI, the amount involved in frauds; has gone down to a considerable extent in the year 2007-08 as compared to the year 2006-2007. Further, in the year 2007-2008, the amount involved in frauds as also its percentage to large value frauds has decreased considerably as compared to the year 2006-2007.

Revision in pay of military nursing services

1605. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has received any memorandum on behalf of Military Nursing Services regarding the revision in their emoluments under the 6th Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised in the memoranda include rate of Military Service Pay, Grade Pay, Promotions, Maternity Leave, etc.

Fake currencies in banks

†1606. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake currency notes worth crores of rupees have been found in the chests of State Bank of India's Dumariaganj Branch in Sidharth Nagar District and at the Oriental Bank of Commerce at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total worth of fake currencies recovered;

(c) whether such complaints have also been received from other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that 76273 pieces of counterfeit notes of different denomination amounting to Rs. 4.02 crores were detected at their Dumariaganj Branch in Uttar Pradesh. As reported by Oriental Bank of Commerce, 1105 counterfeit notes of different, denomination amounting to Rs. 2,45,470/- were detected on 3 different occasions at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Oriental Bank of Commerce has further reported that during the current financial year *i.e.* 2008-09, counterfeit notes worth Rs. 41805 have also been detected at its 4 other branches.

(d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken steps to check the circulation of fake currency in the country by ensuring optimum utilization of Note Sorting Machines installed at all currency chest branches and increasing the awareness of the public in identifying a genuine bank note through

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

training/workshops and issue of posters. RBI has also set up dedicated cells for monitoring and analysis of counterfeit notes detected at the bank branches, which will be an input for implementing further measures, as required.

Insulation of India from the global financial meltdown

1607. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has submitted a five (5) point agenda to insulate India from the global financial meltdown; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and Government's response and decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The five-point agenda includes – communication and confidence, domestic liquidity and interest rates, foreign exchange management, credit flow and impetus to growth, fiscal and export promotion imperatives to help real economy.

The details of the agenda are available at the CII web site at following web address: *http://www.ciionline.org/full story.php?menu id=78&news id=1924*

Some of the measures taken in India with regard to domestic liquidity, interest rates, credit flow and impetus to growth include:

(a) **Monetary measures**: Reduction in the following rates: Repo-6.5% from 9%, Reverse repo 5 % from 6%, CRR to 5.5% from 9% and SLR to 24% from 25%.

(b) **Bank Overseas borrowings**

October 15, 2008: Banks permitted to borrow funds from their overseas branches and correspondent banks up to a limit of 50 per cent of their unimpaired Tier I capital as at the close of the previous quarter or USD 10 million, whichever is higher, as against the existing limit of 25 per cent.

(c) **External Commercial Borrowings**

ECB up to USD 500 million per borrower per financial year permitted for Rupee expenditure and / or foreign currency expenditure for permissible end - uses under the Automatic Route. In addition the all in cost limits were enhanced.

(d) **Participatory Notes**

October 7, 2008: SEBI decided to lift curbs on the issuance of the Participatory Notes by the Foreign Institutional Investors. The regulator will remove the 40 per cent restriction for issuance of PNs for both cash and derivative segments.

(e) **FII Investment in debt**

October 15, 2008 : following the Government of India's announcement, SEBI enhanced the FII investment in corporate debt limit from US $ 3 billion to USA$ 6 billion. Further in order to accord flexibility to the FIIs to allocate the investments across equity and debt, it has been decided to do away with the conditions pertaining to restrictions of 70:30 ratio of investment in equity and debt respectively, with immediate effect.